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APPLICANT: Christian Knöpfle et al. EXAMINER: Philogene, Pedro
SERIAL NO.: 09/921,233 GROUP ART UNIT: 3732
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FOR: SELF-RETAINING IMPLANT AND A DEVICE FOR SECURING
THE IMPLANT

AMENDMENT

ATTENTION: MAILSTOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, Paper No. 06252004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the amendment format of 37 CFR §1.121 to place the application in condition for allowance.